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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, UNSC, SOV, LE, IS, XF
SUBJECT: SOVIETS IN UNIFIL

REF: JERUSALEM 0959

1. HAVE JUST SEEN REFTEL WITH NEWS THAT SIILASVUO IS CONSIDERING THE USE OF 13 SOVIET UNMO'S IN THE TYRE AREA FOR LIAISON WITH THE PLO.
2. I BELIEVE THAT SUCH ACTION ON THE PART OF THE UN WOULD CREATE A SITUATION WHERE THE CHANCES FOR IDF WITHDRAWAL FROM POSITIONS OVERWATCHING TYRE MIGHT BE CUT TO ZERO AND INDEED COULD RESULT IN ISRAEL REFUSING TO HAVE FURTHER DEALINGS WITH SIILASVUO AT ALL. THE ISRAELIS WOULD VIEW THE INTRODUCTION OF SOVIETS INTO THIS EQUATION AS TOTALLY INADMISSABLE AND AS EVIDENCE THAT THE UN IS NOTHING BUT A TOOL OF THE SOVIETS AND THE PLO.

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3. I NOTE THAT GUR HAS ALREADY COMPLAINED TO SIILASVUO ABOUT THE FRENCH FRATERNIZING WITH THE PLO IN TYRE. YOU CAN BE SURE THAT THE ISRAELI RESPONSE TO SOVIETS MOVING INTO THE AREA WOULD BE MUCH MORE SEVERE.
LEWIS

NOTE BY OC/T: EXDIS CAPTION INSERTED PER S/S-O MR. SCOTT.

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